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- 1. Since the fall of 1951 Polish authorities have been closing local (sic) prisons, The prisoners are being transferred to large samps where they are used as slave labor. Among the prisons which have been closed are the following: Montelupich and Saint Michael's (Swietego Michala) in Krakow (Q 51/Z 24), the central prison in Wisnicz (Q 51/U 42), and the prison in Bochaia (R 50/X 88). Most of the prisoners are being transferred to the new camp located in the vicinity of Szczakowa (Q 51/Y 76). Fifty large four to five-story buildings have been constructed here. Work brigades from the prison are escerted by guards and sent by trucks to coal mines, metallurgical factories, and to other such places in the morning. They return to the camp in the evening. Prisoners from all Poland are being sent to the camp near Szczakowa. There is a special section at this camp for political prisoners.
- 2. A special labor camp for persons attempting to cross the border illegally is located in Zlotow (Flatow ~ P 54/S 16).
- 3. The camp in Milecin (Q 53/J 63) near Warsaw is still in operation. This camp is primarily for speculators, black marketers, and the like.
- 4. There are five forced labor camps in Warsaw. The official designation for the camps is Work Center (Osrodek Pracy). The largest, lecated in Warsaw-Sluzewiec, contains about 5,000 people. The second largest is in Warsaw-Gesiewka and has about 4,000 immates. The camp at Ulica Gornoslazka holds 2,000 laborers. That at Ulica Wolowska has 700. A fifth camp called Monopol is used for prisoners who are considered incorrigible; the number of immates is unknown.

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